

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2016

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Ilana Cohen, Maya Das, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Graciela Jaschek, Daniel Russ, Fabienne Santel, Wayne Swann, and Ulder Tillman

Members Absent: Stacey Burton Dey Foy, Alan Kaplan, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Susan Milstein, Sheela Modin, Tonya Saffer, and Bridget Ware

Staff Present: Helen Lettlow, Ellen Segal

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

- Chair Daniel Russ called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings**

- **Approval of Minutes** – There was a motion to approve the May 2016 minutes made by Maya Das and seconded by Dr. Tillman. The minutes were approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- **Next Meetings** – The next COH meetings will be Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, 1st Floor, Conference Room 1A.  
\*Please note that there will be no August meeting.

**3.0 Nominations Committee – Wayne Swann**

- There were two nominations made:
  - Daniel Russ for Chair.
  - Mitch Berger for Vice Chair.
- The nominations were approved unanimously by voiced consent.

**4.0 Division of Food and Nutrition Services – Marla Caplon**

- This year Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Division of Food and Nutrition introduced salad bars and there is a new pilot program offering fruit bars.
- The MCPS summer meal service program will be starting soon. The meals are funded through the USDA. More meals are expected to be served this year.

**5.0 PHS Chief's Report – Dr. Ulder J. Tillman addressed highlights from the May 2016 report (included in the meeting packet).**

- Care for Kids enrollment surge has continued through the spring months. The Department will need to find supplemental funding to cover costs. However, the Department is pleased to report that Kaiser Permanente has announced it is opening its enrollment again to a number of new Care for Kids children each month through the end of the calendar year. Kaiser does not charge the County to serve these children.
- Dental Services received an award for innovative care for its use of mouth guards, etc.

- In response to a question from a commissioner it was clarified that, at this time, MCPS does not maintain a database of children who have received vaccines.

## 6.0 Zika – Dr. Tillman

- To date, there are 25 confirmed travel-related cases of Zika in Maryland.
- We are now well into mosquito season. An investigation plan will go into effect if one of three things happens.
  - The Aedes mosquito is identified in Maryland, or
  - There is an over proliferation of Aedes mosquitos, or
  - There are persons verified to have the Zika virus.
- Plans include:
  - Truck mounted spraying; followed by,
  - A door-to-door campaign in specific areas.
- The door-to-door campaign will check for standing water, uncleaned bird baths, gutters in need of cleaning, and accordion type gutter spouts.
- Outreach activities include:
  - A press release that was issued at the beginning of mosquito season.
  - A Zika web site with information on the virus and prevention measures.
  - Information available at MC 311.
  - A mass mailing to all Montgomery County residents.
  - Bus ads on the inside and outside of buses and in bus shelters.
  - Radio ads and live press information.
  - Informational ads from the Maryland Department of Agriculture.
- Recently, one of the three conditions was met to activate an investigation. The County will respond and has already notified Takoma Park elected officials. The following has occurred as a result.
  - On 6/17/16, there will be a door-to-door campaign in the affected neighborhood in Takoma Park.
  - A reverse 911 notification was sent to all businesses and residences asking permission to inspect areas and provide information.
  - Steps are being taken to ensure that the information is available in English and Spanish.
- New Zika cases are reported on the State of Maryland web site. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) web site lists cases reported in the continental U.S. and U.S. territories. The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) contacts a County if a traveler comes back with Zika, and women with Zika are placed into a registry. Children born to Zika infected mothers will be followed through the years.
- Shortly after the Zika virus emerged, the State sent out information for pregnant women on how to avoid it.
- Pregnant women should either refrain from sex while pregnant or use condoms since the virus can be sexually transmitted.
- Zika can be frequently unreported because many people show no symptoms.
- Anne Arundel County has had three activations.
 

The County's highest concerns for residents are:

  - The method of transmission: An uninfected Aedes mosquito bites an affected person, transmitting the virus to that mosquito, who in turn bites other people.
  - Concerns about rain gardens, pools and other types of standing water which attract mosquitos.
  - Storm facility management.
  - Social media is being used to get disseminate information.
  - Information has not been targeted to specific demographics such as teens.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has offered a grant opportunity for public schools to address Zika prevention in school facilities.

## **7.0 New Business**

- The Retreat Committee members are Graciela Jaschek, Mitchell Berger, and Michelle Hawkins.
- COH areas of interest for work in FY17:
  - Preventive health.
  - Health in all policies. COH may find speakers for the retreat on this topic.
  - Men's Health.
  - Behavioral health and primary care.
  - Activities to combine diet and physical activity using evidence based strategies.
  - Continued work on Communicable Disease and Epidemiology.
  - Public health emergency response to emerging issues.
- Colleen Ryan-Smith, DHHS Senior Epidemiologist is leaving her position at the end of June.
- Susan Defrancesco with the Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI) is leaving her position in mid-June.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Commissioners should think about the suggested topics for work in FY17 and come to the July meeting prepared with topics for the October retreat.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The Chair requested a wrap up summary from all workgroups by September. The annual report will be prepared before September.

## **8.0 Motion to Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Helen Lettlow  
Commission on Health

**Public Health Services  
Chief's Report  
May, 2016**

**SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS**

- The Montgomery County ACCU has partnered with the Prince George's County ACCU to strengthen and improve collaboration with local Managed Care Organizations and community agencies that serve Medical Assistance clients. Quarterly meetings have been scheduled to discuss collaboration. 2nd Quarter meeting was held at the White Oak Recreation Center. Over 60 providers attended session.

**HOT SPOTS**

- Since Zika testing began in January 2016, 9 individuals have tested positive for Zika Virus. This includes 3 pregnant women and 6 symptomatic travelers In addition to Zika, Disease Control nurses concurrently have over 40 open cases.

**UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES**

**Disease Control**

- MEASLES INVESTIGATIONS - Following notification of a measles outbreak (7 cases) at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention Facility in Arizona, MCDHHS Disease Control nurses are currently investigating 3 contacts of a potentially exposed measles case for symptoms and vaccination status. Lab results expected 6/6.
- MUMPS INVESTIGATIONS - Following notification of a mumps outbreak (18 cases) at Dayton University graduation, MC DHHS Disease Control nurses are currently investigating one symptomatic case; lab results expected 6/6; and 15 contacts for symptoms and vaccination history.
- MERS CoV INVESTIGATION - One open investigation of MERS CoV in a hospitalized traveler from Jordan
- FOODBORNE ILLNESS INVESTIGATIONS - 12 open investigations.
- RABIES INVESTIGATIONS - 9 open investigations.

**TB Control**

- 22 active cases reported this calendar year; several new "possible" cases being assessed
- Large contact investigation in progress due to exposure at a high school (involves one hospital, one community urgent care center, one day care and a large church); second round testing is scheduled throughout the month of June; no secondary cases thus far.
- All positions filled; new provider model is working quite efficiently.
- Nurse Administrator invited to participate in a Maryland DHMH webinar in July-topic is Program Evaluation: New Contact Investigation Tool.

**Refugee Health**

- PAA- interviewed/selected a candidate- declined offer; second round of interviews scheduled for 6/3/16; TB PAAs continue to assist/support some duties, but not able to support all.
- 0.5 CHN vacant/still not approved; roving team nurse comes in `6 hours per week; TB staff continues to support as needed; NP also seeing patients
- DHMH notified NA last month that ORR visit recommendations will be out soon; likely to advocate for continued funding while LHDs work on contracts for billing-will have much stricter stipulations,

particularly related to the reimbursement portion; currently working on plan to address related stipulations and expected decreased reimbursement.

#### Immunization Program

- At the request of the Lycee Rochambeau's (French International School) Dean, the Immunization Program's outreach staff conducted a record review surveillance for 600 students. Also, the immunization outreach staff provided educational training session and resources materials to the staff regarding the 2015-2016 DHMH recommended childhood immunization schedule to prepare them for the upcoming private school record review process for the school year 2016-2017.

#### HIV/HIV Client Services

- Client Services/HIV is in the process of formalizing procedures for a "red carpet" entry process that would allow client's most in need of medical services to be seen by a physician prior to completing their initial assessment with their case manager.
- CHN Vacancy in HIV Clinic. Interviews scheduled for first week in June.
- Dale Schacherer and Melvin Cauthen attended the 28th Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS in Minneapolis, Minnesota from May 26-29.
- HIV Dental Clinic - Upcoming vacancy for dentist - July 1, 2016. Open Solicitation sent to 2 dentists interested in part-time hours.

#### Community Health Services

- Intensive Teaming for Teens continues to be a success with the interagency collaboration. Three intensive team meetings have been coordinated; a total of 13 teens have been referred since program was initiated in early spring of 2016.
- The Offices Service Coordinator's position in Germantown has been filled. Beth Jordan from School Health Services was hired as the new OSC.
- Judy Jann was recognized for her 50 years of service in Community Health Services.

#### Care for Kids

- Care for Kids enrollment surge has indeed continued in these spring months, and it appears the department will need to find even more additional funds to pay for the late May & June services. However, we are very pleased to report that Kaiser Permanente has just announced it is opening its enrollment again to a number of new Care for Kids children each month through the end of the calendar year. Since Kaiser does not charge the County to serve those children, that should help ease some of the CFK budget pressures from enrollment in FY17.

#### Dental

- The Maryland Office of Oral Health awarded the Oral Disease and Injury Prevention proposal, submitted by the Dental Program, in the amount of \$55,000. Funds will continue supporting the expansion of clinical services at the County dental clinics, and the delivery of mouth guards for students participating in contact sports. In collaboration with School Health Services, Dental program staff visited three high schools and provided mouth guards to slightly over 100 students. Students participating in football and lacrosse were our biggest customers. Program staff will continue visiting some high schools during the month of August.

## STATISTICS

<b>Program: Disease Control and Surveillance</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number outbreaks investigated	0
Number of cases reported as in NEDSS (Confirmed, probable, suspect)	201
<b>Program: HIV</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Total number of HIV client intakes	15
<b>Program: Immunization</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of VFC vaccinations administered at each clinic location:	
<i>Dennis Avenue Health Center</i>	52
<i>Germantown Health Center</i>	38
<i>Silver Spring Health Center</i>	46
<i>School Health Services Center</i>	971
<b>Program: Refugee Health</b>	
Number of new screenings performed within 90 days (quarterly)	0
<b>Program: STD</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of clients receiving STI testing	
Number of clients receiving treatment	
<b>Program: TB Control</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of QFTs	400
Number of x-rays taken (clinic and MCCF)	230
Number of clients undergoing DOT (per month, unduplicated)	51
Number of new TB cases (RVCT per month)	5
Number of new TLTBI cases started (per month, not contacts)	7
<b>Program: Infants at Risk (IAR)</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of Infant at Risk (IAR) referrals received from hospitals or providers	22
YTD Number	192
Number of referrals received from DHMH or providers for children lead levels > 10ug/dl	3
YTD Number	32
<b>Program: Maternity Partnerships</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Community Health Services by School Health Services.	3
YTD Number	52
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Community Health Services by DACCT	4
YTD Number	42
Number of new Maternity Partnership clients receiving nurse case management services	96

YTD Number	973
Number of new Maternity Partnership clients receiving telephonic case management services	57
YTD Number	663
<b>Program: Montgomery Cares</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Patients	4,964
YTD Patients	21,653
Encounters	5,881
YTD Encounters	55,768
<b>Program: MC Homeless Health</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Patients	10
YTD Patients	131
Encounters	17
YTD Encounters	169
<b>Program: Care for Kids (Quarterly)</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
New enrollments	172
YTD new enrollments	1,325
Patients	
YTD patients	4,525
<b>Program: Maternity Partnerships</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of patients referred to hospitals by DHHS	159
YTD Patients	1644
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	165
YTD Patients	<b>1587</b>
Number of teens enrolled	15
YTD teen enrollment	110
Percent of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	42%
Number of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	666
Fetal losses	1
YTD fetal losses	16
<b>Program: Dental Health</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
<b>Maternity:</b>	
New patients	84
YTD patients	1085
Encounters	212
YTD Encounters	2123
<b>Children:</b>	
New patients	149
YTD patients	1662
Encounters	415
YTD Encounters	3352
<b>Adults:</b>	

New patients	148
YTD patients	1210
Encounters	387
YTD Encounters	2871
<b>Seniors:</b>	
New patients	43
YTD patients	658
Encounters	109
YTD Encounters	1512
<b>TOTAL:</b>	
New patients	424
YTD patients	4615
Encounters	1123
YTD Encounters	9858
<b>Program: Environmental Health Services</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed by L&R	547
YTD number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed	4867
Number of expected food service facilities inspections to be completed in Montgomery County as mandated by COMAR regulations	695.5
YTD number of expected mandated inspections to be completed	6908
Number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	166
YTD number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	1588
Number of completed swimming pools inspections	204
YTD number of completed swimming pools inspections	2220
<b>Program: Healthcare Services</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	2
YTD number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	8
Number of nursing homes	34
<b>Program: Health Room</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of visits by students who return to class after and are ready to learn following health room intervention	58430
Number of visits by students with a health room intervention	66125
<b>Program: SBH/WC</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of visits each month to the School Based Health and Wellness Centers(non-cumulative)	773
Number of clients enrolled in the School Based Health and Wellness Centers (cumulative)	10222



<b>Program: International Student Admissions Office (ISAO)</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
Number of VFC vaccinations administered	968
Number of VFC vaccinations administered to uninsured clients	793